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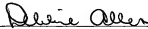
In re Application of:	§	
<b>TEMPLE ET AL.</b>	§	Group Art Unit: <b>1796</b>
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Serial No.: <b>10/776,887</b>	§	Confirmation No.: <b>3325</b>
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For: <b>"DRILLING FLUIDS WITH IMPROVED SHALE INHIBITION AND METHODS OF DRILLING IN SUBTERRANEAN FORMATIONS"</b>	§	Atty Docket No.: <b>HES 2003-IP-009967U1P1</b>
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO**  
**OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2008**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2008 (the "Office Action"),  
Applicants submit this Amendment and Response.

- **Amendments to the Claims**, begin on page 2 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, begin on page 11 of this paper.